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5 **BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION**

6 IN THE MATTER OF THE)
7 APPLICATION OF QUEEN)
CREEK WATER COMPANY)
8 FOR REVISIONS TO EXISTING)
TARIFF CHARGES)
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DOCKET NO. W-01395A-00-0300
APPLICATION

13 **I. INTRODUCTION**

14 1. Applicant, Queen Creek Water Company ("Company"), hereby requests that
15 the revisions to its existing tariff charges, as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and
16 incorporated herein by this reference, be approved by the Arizona Corporation
Commission ("Commission") for implementation at the earliest possible date.

17 **II. DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT**

18 2. The Company is a public service corporation duly organized and existing
19 under the laws of the State of Arizona. Its office is in Queen Creek, Arizona, and its
20 mailing address is P.O. Box 366, Queen Creek, Arizona 85242.

21 3. The Company is engaged in the business of providing water service within
22 certain areas of Maricopa and Pinal Counties, in the vicinity of Queen Creek, Arizona,
23 pursuant to certificates of convenience and necessity previously issued by the
24 Commission.

25 **III. REVISIONS TO TARIFF CHARGES**

26 4. The tariff given in Exhibit "A" proposes revisions to certain of the
27 Company's existing charges to reflect increased costs incurred by the Company and to
28 provide for recovery of costs for additional equipment mandated by applicable regulatory
requirements. The details associated with the proposed revisions are set out below.

1 **A. Meter Installation Charges**

2 5. Proposed changes to meter installation charges are based on the increased
3 cost of meters used by the Company. Part of the increased cost is attributable to the use of
4 "touch read meters," which can be read directly with a solid state interrogator/programmer.
5 Use of these meters is more accurate and enables the information to be read more quickly
6 as there is no need to remove the cover from the meter box.

7 **B. Hydrant Charges**

8 6. Three changes for the use of hydrants are proposed. First, the charge per
9 1,000 gallons would be increased to be the same as the approved charge for water taken
10 from the Company's standpipe. Second, a non-refundable meter rental fee of \$100.00
11 would be imposed for each initial set-up. Third, a \$50.00 security deposit would be
12 imposed, which would be refunded upon payment of all outstanding invoices.

13 **C. Service Charges**

14 7. As a convenience for its customers, the Company is instituting a service
15 whereby its customer may pay their bills with a credit card or debit card. In order to cover
16 the service charge imposed on the Company by the credit card/debit card firm, the
17 Company is proposing a fee of 3% of the total amount charged or debited each time a
18 customer utilizes the service.

19 8. Pursuant to the requirements of the Arizona Department of Environmental
20 Quality, the Company has developed, and the Maricopa County Environmental Services
21 Department has approved, a Backflow Prevention Plan designed to protect the Company's
22 water supply system from the possibility of contamination caused by backflow. In the
23 implementation of the Plan, the Company is requiring that new installations include an in-
24 line double check valve downstream of the meter. The proposed charge is intended to
25 cover the cost of the meter and the labor for installation.

1 **D. Irrigation Charges**

2 9. The Company is proposing several revisions to its irrigation charges. First,
3 the usage charge of \$3.00 would become a charge imposed for each delivery, exclusive of
4 any water. Water would be billed at the applicable commodity charge rate. Second, the
5 commodity charge rates of \$.50 and \$.40 per 1,000 gallons would remain the same;
6 however, the customers eligible for each rate would be further defined. In particular,
7 customers paying \$.50 per 1,000 gallons would consist of developer and commercial
8 users. The \$.40 per 1,000 gallons rate would apply to residential users and schools. The
9 distinction between developer/commercial customers and residential/school customers is
10 primarily attributable to the higher rate paid by the Company for Central Arizona Project
11 (CAP) water when unplanned requests from developers and commercial users cause the
12 annual CAP demand to exceed the amount budgeted by the Company with the Central
13 Arizona Water Conservation District at the beginning of the year.

14 10. The Company is also proposing to increase the irrigation valve installation
15 charge to \$70.00 in consideration of the increase in the cost of the valve. If the valve is
16 supplied by the customer, the Company is proposing to charge \$15.00 for the labor
17 required for installation.

18 **E. Other Rates and Charges Approved by Order**

19 11. The Company is proposing to add by reference the Hook-Up Fee and Fire
20 Flow Fee previously approved by the Commission in Decision No. 60737 (Docket No. W-
21 01395A-97-0618).

22 WHEREFORE, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission Staff
23 review the Application, and upon its review, prepare a Staff Report recommending
24 approval of the tariff revisions. If a hearing is deemed necessary, the Company requests
25 that a hearing be conducted, and thereafter the matter be submitted to the Commission for
26 its approval.

1 Respectfully submitted this 2nd day of May, 2000.

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Queen Creek Water Company

Exhibit A

WATER TARIFF SCHEDULE

UTILITY: Queen Creek Water Company
DOCKET NOS: W-01395A-90-0045 & W-01395A-97-0618

DECISION NOS: 57211 & 60737
EFFECTIVE: 8/1/97 & 3/23/98

RATES AND CHARGES

CUSTOMER/MINIMUM CHARGES PER MONTH

<u>METER</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>	<u>GALLONS</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 10.00	1,000
3/4"	\$ 12.00	1,000
1"	\$ 20.00	1,000
1 1/2"	\$ 30.00	1,000
2"	\$ 50.00	1,000
3"	\$120.00	1,000
4"	\$200.00	1,000
5"	\$544.00	1,000
6"	\$880.00	1,000

SERVICE LINE & METER INSTALLATION CHARGES

<u>METERS</u>	<u>CHARGES</u>
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 250.00
3/4"	\$ 250.00
1"	\$ 300.00
1 1/2"	\$ 500.00
2"	\$ 700.00
3"	\$ 975.00
4"	\$1,600.00
5"	\$2,700.00
6"	\$3,775.00

COMMODITY CHARGE (EXCESS OF MINIMUM):

\$1.30 PER 1,000 GALLONS FOR 1,001 GALLONS TO 10,001 GALLONS
\$1.60 PER 1,000 GALLONS FOR 10,001 GALLONS AND UP
\$1.12 PER 1,000 GALLONS FOR COMMERCIAL (6" METER OR LARGER)

HYDRANT:

\$1.75 PER 1,000 GALLONS

\$100.00 NON-REFUNDABLE HYDRANT METER RENTAL FEE (FOR EACH INITIAL SET-UP)

\$50.00 SECURITY DEPOSIT (REFUNDABLE UPON PAYMENT OF ALL OUTSTANDING INVOICES)

SERVICE CHARGES:

1. ESTABLISHMENT (R14-2-402.D.2)	\$15.00
2. ESTABLISHMENT/AFTER HOURS (R14-2-403.D.2)	\$25.00
3. RECONNECTION/DELINQUENT (R-14-2-403.D.1)	\$20.00
4. NSF CHECK (R14-2-409)	\$15.00
5. METER REREAD/IF CORRECT (R14-2-403.D.1)	\$10.00
6. METER TEST/IF CORRECT (R14-2-403.C.2)	\$15.00
7. DEFERRED PAYMENT	N/A
8. DEPOSIT INTEREST	PER RULE
9. DEPOSIT (R14-2-403.B.7)	PER RULE
10. RE-ESTBLISHMENT W/N 12 MONTHS (R14-2-40-D.1)	MONTHS OFF SYSTEM
11. CREDIT/DEBIT CARD PAYMENT PROCESSING FEE - PER TRANSACTION	3.00 % *
12. IN-LINE DOUBLE CHECK VALVE INSTALLED AFTER METER:	

5/8" x 3/4" or 3/4"	\$29.00
1"	\$35.00
1 1/2" or 2"	\$45.00
3" or larger	AT COST

*PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL AMOUNT CHARGED TO CREDIT/DEBIT CARD.

[NOTE: PROPOSED REVISIONS ARE SHOWN BY DOUBLE UNDERSCORING.]

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STANDPIPE: *

MONTHLY SERVICE FEE	\$ 5.00
ACCOUNTY ESTABLISHMENT FEE	\$15.00 (a)
SECURITY DEPOSIT	\$25.00 (b)
COST PER 1,000 GALLONS	\$ 1.75
ADDITIONAL OR REPLACEMENT KEY	\$10.00
RE-ACTIVATION FEE	\$20.00

(a) INCLUDES 1ST KEY ISSUANCE

(b) REFUNDABLE ONLY UPON TERMINATION OF SERVICE, LESS BALANCE DUE

UNTREATED WATER: **

USAGE CHARGE PER DELIVERY	\$ 3.00
COMMODITY CHARGE	\$.50 PER 1,000 GALLONS - <u>DEVELOPER/COMMERCIAL</u>
	\$.40 PER 1,000 GALLONS - <u>RESIDENTIAL/SCHOOLS</u>
VALVE INSTALLATION	<u>\$70.00 INCLUDES PARTS & LABOR- PER VALVE</u>
	<u>\$15.00 FOR LABOR ONLY- PER VALVE</u>

METER CHANGEOVER CHARGES:

METER SIZE	CHANGEOVER CHARGE
5/8" x 3/4"	\$ 80.00
3/4"	\$ 110.00
1"	\$ 145.00
1 1/2"	\$ 305.00
2"	\$ 490.00
3"	\$ 665.00
4"	\$1,175.00
5"	\$2,575.00
6"	\$3,125.00

OTHER RATES AND CHARGES APPROVED BY ORDER:

IN ADDITION TO THE COLLECTION OF ITS REGULAR RATES AND CHARGES, THE COMPANY SHALL COLLECT FROM ITS CUSTOMERS THEIR PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF ANY PRIVILEGE, SALES OR USE TAX IN ACCORDANCE WITH R14-2-409.D.5 AND ALSO THE APPLICABLE OFF-SITE FACILITIES HOOK-UP FEE AND FIRE FLOW FEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION NO: 60737 (DOCKET NO. W-01395A-97-0618) FOR EACH NEW SERVICE CONNECTION.

* EFFECTIVE MARCH 23, 1998

** EFFECTIVE JUNE 2, 1996

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